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<b>In re Application of:</b>	Lixiao Wang
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**LETTER – CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

This letter is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), an IDS, and an Amendment. Applicant had received a Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination mailed June 9, 2009 and in response filed a Notice of Appeal on June 22, 2009 and paid for a one month extension of time. No extension of time is believed to be necessary with this submission. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary, Applicant hereby request this be treated as a petition for such an extension. The patent office is authorized to charge the applicants deposit account number 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,

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